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DEVICE

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29 July 2004

REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(c)

Sir:

This request is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(c)(1) to correct the inventorship of the above-identified application.

In particular, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(c), the inventorship originally set forth in the executed declaration signed by claimed inventors Hirokazu Matsuura, Atsushi Nagata, Yoshio Mizuno and Kazumasa Suzuki dated 20 June 2003 is now considered to be incomplete due to the addition of claims, and the addition of inventor Kazuhiro Nakayama is necessary in order to accurately reflect the inventorship of the subject matter now being claimed.

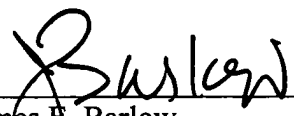
A statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(c)(2) executed by Kazuhiro Nakayama is attached. The statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(c)(2) indicates that the change in inventorship was necessitated by an amendment to the claims and occurred without deceptive intent. In addition, a Supplemental Declaration executed by the actual inventors pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(c)(3) is attached.

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In addition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(c)(5), a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b), in which TOYODA GOSEI CO., LTD (the original assignee of all rights in the present application by an original assignment, recorded at Reel/Frame 014232/0808) consents to the addition of Kazuhiro Nakayama as an inventor in the above application, is attached.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(c)(4), the required fee of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) is enclosed herewith by check. Any further charges may be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,



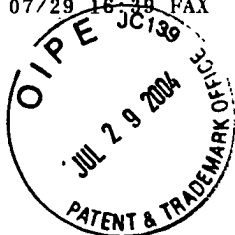
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(c)(2)

Sir:

I, Kazuhiro Nakayama, hereby state that an amendment to the claims necessitates the addition of myself as a named inventor in the above identified pending U.S. patent application, and that such error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on my part.

Date: July 29, 2004

By: Kazuhiro Nakayama
Kazuhiro Nakayama

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: **TOYODA GOSEI CO., LTD.**Application No./Patent No. **10/602,689**Filed/Issue Date: **25 June 2003**Entitled: **KNEE PROTECTING AIRBAG DEVICE****TOYODA GOSEI CO., LTD.**

(Name of Assignee)

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1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
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- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel **014232**, frame **08088**, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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- ☐ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, and consents on behalf of the assignee to the addition of Mr. Kazuhiro Nakayama as an inventor in the above-identified pending application.

July 8, 2004
Date

Katsuhiko Nakayama

Typed or printed name

Katsuhiko Nakayama
Signature

General Manager, Intellectual Property
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Title